

Washington, DC -- The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution yesterday sponsored by U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) congratulating the Hamilton College Continentals on winning the NCAA Division III women's lacrosse championship.

"This truly phenomenal team has demonstrated passion and commitment to their sport, racking up an impressive 21-1 record this year and creating the longest winning streak in Division III women's lacrosse," **Arcuri said**. "Given Hamilton College's commitment and the dedication of their students, there is no doubt that it will continue its centuries-long tradition of excellence in scholastics and, now, athletics. The Continentals are shining examples of the products of hard work and commitment, and have inspired and brought pride to their communities and families."

On May 18, 2008, the Hamilton College Continentals women's lacrosse team captured the NCAA Division III championship and completed the best season in the team's 29-year history. This is first team in Hamilton College's history to reach the national semifinals in any NCAA championship.

"We are very proud of our women's lacrosse team's success, and we are thrilled for all that this great accomplishment means for everyone associated with our college," **said Hamilton Athletic Director Jon Hind**

. "Our team's winning the NCAA National Championship has brought a great deal of pride to our campus community, as well as to the entire Mohawk Valley area. The success these young women have experienced is a great tribute to their effort, perseverance, character, and understanding of teamwork."

The Continentals completed the 2008 season with a 21-1 record and won 19 straight games - the longest winning streak in Division III women's lacrosse.

Head coach Patty Kloidt was named 2008 NCAA Division III Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association. Kloidt, Amanda Nobis and Mackay Rippey were named the Liberty League Coaching Staff of the Year in 2008 and four team members won All-America awards this year.

“Be it resolved, that the House of Representatives congratulates the Hamilton College Continentals on winning the NCAA Division III women’s lacrosse championship and commends them on their contributions to Hamilton College, women’s athletics, and the sport of lacrosse,” **concluded H. Res 1259, sponsored by Arcuri and passed by a bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives yesterday**

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The full text of Arcuri’s resolution is attached below:

Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24)

H.RES. 1259

Congratulating the Hamilton College Continentals on winning the NCAA Division III women’s lacrosse championship.

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

Whereas on May 18, 2008, the Hamilton College Continentals women’s lacrosse team captured the NCAA Division III championship and completed the best season in the team’s 29-year history;

Whereas the Continentals are the first team in the College’s history to reach the national semifinals in any NCAA championship;

Whereas the Continentals completed the 2008 season with a remarkable 21-1 record and won 19 straight games, which is the longest winning streak in Division III women’s lacrosse;

Whereas the Continentals are led by team captains Tara Eckberg of Castle Rock, CO; Jen McGowan of Jericho, VT; Nicole Tetreault of Guilderland, NY; and are comprised of the following outstanding players: Kate Fowler of Branford, CT; Allie Shpall of Greenwood Village, CO; Laura Stern of Shaker Heights, OH; Becca Green of Wynnewood, PA; Matilda Andersson of Annapolis, MD; Kayla Bettenhauser of West Babylon, NY; Katie White of Stonington, CT; Kate Marek of Alexandria, VA; Audrey Nebergall of Tiverton, RI; Kriti Dave of Newton, MA; Liz

Rave of Huntington, NY; Hilary Saverin of New Canaan, CT; Kaillie Briscoe of Orangeville, Ontario; Anne Graveley of Queensbury, NY; Katie Gambir of Darien, CT; Sarah Bray of Rockville, MD; Catie Gibbons of Clarks Summit, PA; and Liz Benjamin of Garrison, NY;

Whereas head coach Patty Kloidt, assisted by Amanda Nobis and Mackay Rippey, merit recognition and praise for guiding the Continentals to their championship win, and were named the Liberty League Coaching Staff of the Year in 2008;

Whereas four Continentals won All-America awards this year, six players were selected to the all-region team, and nine players were selected to the all-league team;

Whereas the Continentals are shining examples of the products of hard work and commitment, and have inspired and brought pride to their community as well as their loved ones and the students and alumni of Hamilton College: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the Hamilton College Continentals on winning the NCAA Division III women's lacrosse championship and commends them on their contributions to Hamilton College, women's athletics, and the sport of lacrosse.

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